

POINT 3

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CANNOCK CHASE PROJECT COMPLETED

Formal Opening of the Trails

Ten years of imagination, fund-raising and sheer hard work culminated on 14th June. In front of a crowd of 90, the Director of Toc H and the Vice-Chairman of the Staffordshire County Council cut the ribbon. Thus a great project ended and a wonderful facility began!



Megan Hughes, whose sight is impaired, tries the trails and hears the tapes while she does so.

Brindley Valley on Cannock Chase is a designated area of exceptional natural beauty. Until now it has been inaccessible to people with physical disabilities, and unsuitable for blind people. That is all changed. There is now a safe walkway, with tapping rails, a safe viewing point, and specially designed seats. There is also an audio tape linked to the different parts of the trail.

After the formal opening most of the guests walked the trails. Guides carried cassette players so that people could hear how the tapes interacted with the trails. Those too frail to walk saw a video of the project. Then, after lunch and formal presentations, the day ended with a Service of

Thanksgiving and Re-dedication for Toc H members.

Partnership building

This has been a triumph of partnership-building - largely due to the drive of Chris Williams. Funding has come from the Countryside Commission (35%), the T and G.W.U. Branch 5.344, and there have been many other donations - in cash and kind - from trusts and businesses, as well as many individuals. Overall, the project has cost some £130,000 in cash or kind.

600 volunteers have worked on the trails, including many residential Toc H project volunteers. The T.A. built the viewing platform. BT sponsored contractors to build the wild-life pool, and it was excavated free of charge by Finnings Ltd.. South Staffs Water donated the water to fill the pond - through hosepipe borrowed from the Fire Service.



Cutting the Ribbon

The Future

And now? Toc H has not withdrawn totally. Walsall Branch, who have carried out general maintenance since the third year of the project, will go on doing so. And if by any chance they have to withdraw, the County Council are pledged to maintain the trails. For

many years to come, people will be able to enjoy a place of beauty - thanks to the vision and commitment of Toc H locally. On the day before the formal opening the project architect met a man of 92 pushing his wheelchair-bound wife along the trails. 'Thank Toc H for us' they said.

Toc H

Toc H is about people. Founded in 1915, Toc H works to break down barriers between people by challenging their prejudices about others and the divisions which exist in society. Its work is based on Christian principles, and people of all faiths, and of none, are welcomed.

Toc H works with people from all walks of life, tackling social problems, such as loneliness and deprivation, through an approach which emphasises self-help, and encourages people to accept responsibility for themselves and their local community.

Toc H uses the model of the compass to offer four personal challenges which are the inspiration for its members.

These 'Four Points of the Compass' are set out on page 2.

Our Vision is of a Movement
'Building better communities by reaching out to all in friendship and service, confronting prejudice, and practising Christian values'.

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Fred Craig, Ronald Thomson,
Thomas Tubb, John McGovern - Jedburgh
Joyce Netherton, Thomas Netherton,
Yougash Patel - Melton Mowbray
Sylvia Knight, Simone Jeffroy - Paris

Guest Members

Handley Barrett, Allan Legge - Scotland
Alwyn Parry - North Wales & North West
Roy Tucker, Jane Sherwin - South East

Junior Members

Eve Dunwell, Ellie Dunwell - North East

The Four Points of the Compass are:

1. Friendship - 'To Love Widely' - to welcome all in friendship,
2. Service - 'To Build Bravely' - to give personal service.
3. Fairmindedness - 'To Think Fairly' - to listen always to the views of others and to find one's own convictions.
4. The Kingdom of God - 'To Witness Humbly' - to acknowledge the spiritual nature of man, to practice the Christian way of life, and to help the truth to prevail.

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ARE YOU COMPLIANT?

Health and Safety for Branches and Events

It is always tempting to stick one's head in the sand. However, some things just won't go away. One of these is the law. It is now a legal obligation to comply with Health and Safety regulations, and this affects **ALL THOSE** responsible for properties and Events. That means **YOU**, if you are in a branch which has its own premises. It means **YOU**, if you are a support group or Event leader.

PROPERTIES.

There are 4 areas that affect properties - whether you own them or lease them.

• Fire Safety

Do you have fire extinguishers?
Are they serviced regularly?
Do users of the property know what to do in case of fire?
Are all exits marked with regulation stickers?

If not, you are breaking the law. Contact a local fire extinguisher supplier and get it sorted quickly - and also drop a line to Central Services and we will send you a leaflet on fire safety.

• First Aid

Do you have a First Aid Kit?
Is it legal?
Do you have a pocket guide as to what to do in an emergency?
Do you have an accident book to record any incidents?
Where it is kept? ... and is that place marked by regulation stickers?

If not, you are breaking the law. You can get a first aid kit from any chemist. A note book will do to record accidents etc, but Central Services will send you a proper form and a fast guide to First Aid if you wish.

• Electricity

Have all appliances been tested for safety?
If so, do they display a sticker saying so?

If not, you are breaking the law. It costs about £5 an item to get things tested - you can take portable ones to a local electrician. If you have lots, get a quote first!

• Risk assessment.

You must carry out what is called a 'risk assessment' of your premises.

This covers things like -

- steps that are not clearly marked
- frayed carpets
- trailing flexes and many more



If you have **NOT** done one, then contact Central Services for a special form, fill it in and then keep it in a safe place.

EVENTS

Those organising Events and activities must also do a risk assessment about what they are doing - you can use the same form.

In addition, if you are **NOT** using Toc H premises, you must check with those responsible for the premises you are using that **THEY** are compliant. They should be able to tell you of hazards, and show you their First Aid kit, fire extinguishers etc.

We know that some branches are already fully on top of these issues and we are not 'preaching to the converted'. But there are others who are not. It is essential they tackle them. If you need any help, telephone us at Central Services, or contact the Health and Safety Executive. Let's make sure all, not just children, are as **SAFE** as possible with Toc H.

QM 100 - A Day to Remember

Hot sunshine, bomb scares, a radiant Queen Mother - and 50+ Toc H members there to wish her well. Every one had an unforgettable day - whether they were spectators, or in the Toc H parade group, or stewarding behind the scenes. Few people on Horse Guards that day will have failed to notice the dozens of members with their Toc H tabards.



Chelsea Morgan, one of the stewards, brings succour to thirsty ex-soldiers

The Spectators

"Seeing Toc H flowing across Horse Guards with a big banner gave the old heart a great big boost.....We thought the 90 show was good, but over the following ten years things have got even better!"

Arthur Heffernan, Chairman.

"When the Toc H group came along I couldn't resist the temptation to stand up and cheer, to the surprise of those seated around me"

John Morgan, Toc H South Africa.



Chris Bostock leads the parade group

Our parade group's theme was 'Toc H world-wide'. As well as Toc H banners, we had the national flags of 12 countries where Toc H exists or has special links. Former Zimbabwe member Peter Smith came down from St Asaph to carry their flag, Rosie and Sean Wilkins

came from S.Africa, and all the way from Western Australia came Velma and Pat Swetman. Our group also included people in costumes representing each decade of the Century..... Edwardians, Flappers, Hippies, and more.



Junior members Danny Woodward (the hippy) and Scott Rosborough (punk rocker)

The Paraders

"It was obvious that all the timings for the parade were worked out using young, drilled soldiers. It was soon clear that we wrinklies and crinklies could not match the pace, no matter how much they shouted at us at rehearsals. At one point, with a man lifting her under each arm, and feet flapping 6 inches above the ground, Margaret Stein was rapidly carried back to rejoin the group. However, sense prevailed, and the main parade passed the Queen Mother at a more manageable, 'civvie', pace".

Terry Brown, Group leader.

"Among my many highlights were - Meeting so many friends from new places, while trying to get changed at the same time; the first view of the crowds; the drone of the Lancaster and the Spits; first sight of the Queen Mum and thinking to myself she really doesn't look her age; seeing Norman Wisdom; just BEING THERE".

Louisa Evans, Costume co-ordinator.



Nathan Brown and Paul Cockerton on water duty

Meanwhile, back in St James's Park, 14 Toc H stewards worked a 12 hour shift.

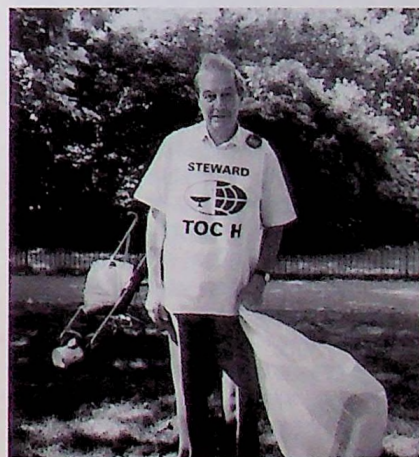
The Stewards

"Manning security gates, serving thousands of cups of water (at 'water stations' provided free by Thames Water - Ed) and picking up litter wouldn't at first glance seem a promising recipe for a birthday party!- but that is exactly what it was.

By the time the first rehearsal was complete it as getting really hot, and we could hardly keep up with the demand for water. It wasn't only the humans we catered for - we filled numerous buckets for horses and chickens, as well as the Guide dogs with the RNIB contingent, and other dogs! It was just like the Marathon except that we were also passing cups into an extraordinary assortment of decorated vehicles too.

Our litter collecting duties swung into action each time everyone moved onto Horse Guards - and what a mountain of litter there was. Some 6,000+ of us had been given airline-style boxed lunches, with umpteen layers of cellophane, paper sachets, and plastic cutlery, and we picked up every bit - well, nearly every bit. At 8-30 at night we did mutiny - as we could not face another piece of rubbish!"

Margaret Winstanley.



John Verrinder - who collected a mountain of litter

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RHYL LAUNCHED WITH A SPLASH

Jo Eaton - Development Officer in North Wales and the North West, reports on a new emphasis in her work.

For the last five years I have devoted my time to developing the 'Families under Pressure' project in Cheshire, which is now well established as the Halton Branch. I felt it was time to develop new Toc H work in North Wales.

The particular social problems in Rhyl are well documented, so this therefore seemed a good place to go. I visited local branches to discuss my ideas and proposals, and was delighted by the enthusiastic response. Plans were made to collaborate in organising a launch project, which was to be a sponsored white-water rafting event in May.



On the Rocks

A group of 30 people mustered at the Bala Watersports Centre to support the event. 14 shipmates were to crew the boats, and another 16 Toc H members, from Bala, Prestatyn, Rhyl and Llandudno, were there to provide shore-support. This took the form of galley provisions and photographic coverage and, most importantly, moral support and encouragement for the intrepid voyagers.

We cast off and launched ourselves into the torrent, made more furious by the opening of the Trewern Dam gates. The experience is not one that will be easily forgotten (nor one for the faint-hearted). The adrenaline flowed as fast as the current, and at one point the instructor flowed even faster, as he passed us after falling off the back of the raft! After four runs down the rapids, to the sound of much whooping and screaming, the weary, wet and hungry crew left the stormy waters.

We saw the light on the horizon - the Toc H members who had provided a most wonderful array of sandwiches and hot drinks. These were devoured 'full steam ahead'.

The event was unanimously pronounced an outstanding success, and would not have been possible without the support and

encouragement of all involved. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to raise money for the new work planned for Rhyl.

It is envisaged that the new project in Rhyl will be centred round a Toc H 'Community House'. A building has been identified and negotiations are under way for its acquisition. The links with other service providers in Rhyl, and pledges of continued support from existing Toc H members, will, I have no doubt, ensure its success. Watch this space!



Jo Eaton, who wrote the report on this page, pictured with her new husband Gordon.

On the left is Toc H Director, Geoffrey Smith, who conducted a blessing of their marriage in the Upper Room of Talbot House.

Jo apologises to Geoff and his wife Janet for the 'late nights on the town', and to the staff at Talbot House for blowing the fuses while trying to iron her dress!

We send our Congratulations and good wishes to Jo and Gordon.

IN BRIEF • IN BRIEF • IN BRIEF

Toc H Hythe got an honourable mention in the local paper - courtesy of Age Concern. Age Concern reported that they had raised funds to acquire their own ambulance, but paid a warm tribute to the fact that for the last 10 years they have had the benefit of the Toc H ambulance - now coming to the end of its life. It is the last in a series of coaches and ambulances. As well as transporting Toc H members, it has been used for taking parties of housebound and infirm people to various attractions, for trips out for the elderly on Sunday afternoons, and on Christmas Day enabled people to attend the Salvation Army service and dinner.

The W.I. in **Saltford** held a Coffee morning in aid of Lindridge House.



They knew of the Carers' holidays at Lindridge because one of them is a full-time carer, and some others are Toc H members as well. Our picture shows Daphne Dawes and Mary Edwards (first and second left) with the display they took along to explain more about Toc H and Lindridge House. The Secretary of the W.I. said how glad they were to help in this way, as it helped them to implement their national resolution to help carers.

Bramley (Leeds) Branch run domino competitions during winter months which involve eight teams from Sheltered Housing Units for the elderly and disabled. The competition is divided into two leagues. In June each year the Branch provides a party, with entertainment and refreshments, for the presentation of the trophy to the winning teams from each league. Our photo shows Director Geoff Smith presenting the



STUMBLING BLOCKS AND STEPPING STONES

From the Director

Toc H is a movement which gives shape and expression to what is meant by a practical Christian social ethic. Through attending branch, district and regional meetings I have learnt a good deal about the kaleidoscope of activities that make up Toc H. It is heart-warming to hear the rich and varied stories about the many small acts of kindness carried out in the name of Toc H by branches and in projects.

Tubby Clayton, commenting on the future of Toc H, remarked, "God called Toc H into existence, he will lead it into the future". We now look to that future.

Currently, money and maintenance are proving stumbling blocks to progress. If we are to set people free to practise Toc H values we need to ensure that they are not burdened by difficult budgets and anxieties

about how the Movement is governed. Stumbling blocks need to be turned into stepping stones.

The stumbling blocks are **Governance, Treasury Management, Staff Development** and **Properties**. Each of these represents one aspect of the capital base of Toc H. They will become stepping stones when:-

- There is a simpler, more coherent modern form of government that allows ALL the activities of Toc H to be regulated.
- Toc H is actively managing its assets.
- When it is recognised that the staff of Toc H, together with the members, represent the 'human capital' of the Movement and are valued accordingly.
- When the Toc H estate, which represents a significant potential for development, is rationalised and positively managed.

All this makes for a complex portfolio of radical changes.

The BEST advice suggests we should move forward with due diligence to a position where a properly costed Plan for recovery can be presented to Council for adoption.

This plan for recovery will be informed by a clear sense of the mission of Toc H and the underlying vision that has sustained the Movement. It will create a simpler, more democratic structure based on the principle of one member one vote, and it will result in stronger, more autonomous regions.

Currently the four areas of concern outlined above are stumbling blocks, preventing the Movement from realising its potential under God. If we have the courage to change now they can be transformed into stepping stones that will lead us into the future.

Geoffrey Smith

IN BRIEF • IN BRIEF • IN BRIEF

Norman Longley Cup to the captain of the winners, Crimbles Court of Lowtown, Pudsey.

On a recent trip to London Zoo, the parents and toddlers group from the **East London Family Project** met Gianni, from East Enders. The Mums admitted that they spent more time looking at him than at the animals! Our picture shows Gianni with staff member Maggie Gittleson, who runs the Project.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Rose Radford, Toc H Vice-President, who was made an M.B.E. in the Queens' birthday honours. This was in

recognition of 30 years of work with the homeless in Birmingham.

Wally Leach, of Somerton Branch, who celebrated his 100th birthday in June. Wally has been involved with Toc H for over 70 years, and was also a LEPR (then BELRA) field worker in West Africa shortly after the War. He and his wife Joan still work hard for LEPR and Toc H from their home in Somerton.

Harry Graham, Chairman of the Toc H Mid-East region, who took over in May as Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council. During his year of office he plans to raise money for St. John Ambulance and Toc H.

John Orange, of Boston, Lincs, who was a recipient of the Royal Maundy in Lincoln Cathedral. This was a recognition of his long and devoted service to the community. We send our sympathy to John's wife who missed this great event through illness.



And to **Vale Royal Branch** on achieving full branch status. Our photo shows Bert Hill presenting a lamp to Karen Baker (member and Central Councillor) on behalf of the new branch. The lamp was the one formerly owned by Leigh Branch from its inception in 1933 to its recent closure. During the evening Vince Foy told the gathering of all that Leigh Branch had done over the years. It was an occasion for celebrating the past in Leigh and the future in Winsford. Good wishes to Vale Royal.

It's the destination that matters

Whereas I appreciate what Ken Prideaux-Brune was trying to say in his article "It's the journey that matters, not the destination" in the June issue, I do have the feeling that his views have been a little tainted by the overwhelming culture of society today, which so heavily discriminates against anything Christian, so much so that Christians often feel intimidated into apologising for being such.

'Tubby' Clayton wrote, in 1932: "I never have believed, nor do believe, in anything so weak as that Toc H can get on with its work unless that work is founded on men's worship of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Where worship has diminished, both fellowship and service soon decay. Here and there this has happened, and we have to build again repentantly."

It seems to be quite obvious that Toc H was founded to be a genuine expression of something very Christian – fellowship and service. I am not criticising all of the article – much of it is extremely relevant. I would also openly welcome any member of another faith, or none, but any journey that does not clearly define origin and destination could turn out to be a pointless ramble.

I R Walters
Grantham, Lincs.

A Mile of Pennies

Have other branches thought of collecting a mile of pennies? Sheaf (Sheffield) Branch started a pile of pennies about a year ago, then

became more enthusiastic and decided to aim for a mile of pennies. We mentioned this in our local magazine and other people began to help. If you have worked it out, you will know that it takes about 78,000 pennies to stretch a mile, in other words £780. Now that we have achieved our goal, we have decided to go for the second mile. Of course, all money goes to Toc H and is an extra to our Family Purse contributions (just over £1,000 in the last financial year).

Jean Fielding
Sheaf (Sheffield) branch

Unless the Lord builds the house...

At the end of August I shall be leaving Toc H, at least as a member of staff, in order to go to Bible College in North London, where both myself and my wife will be studying for full-time ministry. It hardly seems 10 years ago that I joined the staff and certainly a great deal has happened to us in that time. Our initial two years in Germany stretched into six and proved to be one of the most fascinating and rewarding periods of my life. We visited places, met people and experienced things which we would never have had the opportunity to do without Toc H, and I shall always be grateful for that. I sincerely hope that, through the people I have worked with, I have been able to give to others some of what I have received.

Over the past 10 years there have been so many people who have helped, supported, encouraged and given me friendship that it would be impossible to name them all. I would,

however, like to thank all the members of staff, both past and present, at Wendover and 'in the field', particularly the members of the last Toc H Chaplaincy team.

The future of Toc H is very uncertain and it would appear to many that we have simply exchanged one uncertain future for another. But we shall be embarking on the Lord's work, and we know from past experience that He is a faithful God and will bless our endeavours. My prayer as I leave Toc H is that all those involved in the movement will remember 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain' (Psalm 127:1). May God richly bless you all.

Terry Brown
Christchurch, Dorset

Why?

On the front cover of Point 3, we are told that Toc H was 'founded in 1915'. There are references to prejudices, principles, deprivation, and the Four Points of the Compass, but the origins of the movement have no mention. Why no Talbot House, Poperinge? Why no Tubby Clayton? Why no mention of the Founder Members, who experience the peace and sanity of the Old House before returning to Flanders Fields, many to their deaths or disablement? Surely, if we are to paint a true picture of what we are, mention must be made.

Oh yes, why have I not written before now? Good question.

Graham Stevenson
Walsall

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"Those who had not met Toc H before must have wondered just who we were, as we worked in our Toc H tabards. Perhaps contract cleaners? - after all, we did clear a lot of litter. Perhaps part of the Tourist Information Service, specially placed to direct paraders and lost German visitors? Maybe we were linked to the London Marathon, as we dispensed water? And as for the commuters, we were definitely the organisation that prevented them taking short-cuts home across the Park! But for

those who actually asked us, there was the chance to give a more accurate picture. Hopefully they took away the image of Toc H, one of the smaller organisations present, playing a major role in enabling what was a very special community festival."

Stephen Cowling.

At the end of the day, Director Geoff Smith represented Toc H at a Reception at St James Palace, hosted by Prince Charles, Princess Anne and Prince Andrew.

Everyone who took part in the parade or helped behind the scenes had a funpacked day and thoroughly enjoyed the party. And, as Margaret Winstanley put it, "everyone in Toc H, whether there on the day or not, would like to say 'Happy Birthday, Ma'am'".



A message to the Queen Mother from
The Children's Society

TRIBUTES

After retiring from the oil business in the late '60s, **Reg Peters**, who died in May aged 91, joined the staff of Toc H. He was responsible for the Marks, the hostels run by Toc H in many of our major cities. He then became secretary of the Wakefield Trust, which supports Toc H work in the East End of London, and also supervised Tubby Clayton's office on Tower Hill. He retired in 1974, following Tubby's death. He will be remembered with great affection by those who worked with him. **KP-B**

Norman John Crayford, who died in June one day after his 95th birthday, was one of the five original Toc H 'LEPRA' volunteers. Recruited by Tubby, they went off to Nigeria, and Norman himself was posted to Katsina where he worked with severely advanced cases, originally gathered off the street. He will be sadly missed. **TW**

Eveline Dives, and her husband Frank, were key members of Toc H in Hythe for 30 years. They were the driving

force behind the acquisition of the Branch's first coach - the first in a long line of coaches and ambulances which the branch has made available to the community (See story in In Brief - Ed). They were also the initiators of the 'twinning' of Hythe with Poperinge, which they visited many times. **TC**

Milford Toc H members were saddened by the death of **Marjorie Berry** in May. She was a loyal and ardent member of about 70 years. She will be sadly missed not only by members but by the village of Milford. Although seriously crippled at an early age, she was a wonderful person, and we thank God for her life. **SH**

Mabel (May) Trapp was a loyal member for many years, and served Saltford Branch as Treasurer for over 20 years. She was always meticulous in her accounts; indeed, she had written the balance sheet which was audited and photocopied for our AGM which took place the day after she died! Her readiness to be involved in

all aspects of Toc H work, and her practical good sense, will be greatly missed by us and all her other friends. **DD**

Ellen Powell, who died in March, was a most regular attending member for some 40 years. She was thoughtful, faithful and industrious. She was first a member of Stockport Branch and then a founder member of Hazel Grove Branch. For 11 years, after retirement, she organised the Toc H Library Service rotas and, of course, also took the book trolley to the hospital patients' bedside as well. She was a quiet, pleasant lady who never failed to be there, and could always be counted on. **EP**

Eric Sharpe of Rushden Men's branch, who died in July, was a loyal branch member for over 40 years. In that time he served as chairman and jobmaster. He also served on the Mid-Northants District Team, and was its chairman for many years. Toc H was his life, and Monday was 'Toc H night'. He will be greatly missed **J & HG**

THINKING OF THE ETERNAL REALITIES - No.5

by Padre Douglas Bridge-Collins.

If work can be prayer, as was previously suggested, it will follow that we can offer our work to God on behalf of another person. There may be someone whose health is a matter of concern to you and you would like to be continually praying for them. In such a case you can lift that person to God in your mind and say a brief prayer for them. Ask God to accept the piece of work that lies ahead of you and to sanctify it for the sake of the person for whom you wish to pray. Then get on with the work itself and leave the outcome to God's mercy. In this way you can 'pray without ceasing' and turn the fabric of your day into a garment of intercession. Hopefully, you will find yourself able to say 'all I know is that when I pray, coincidences happen'.

'THE DIRECTOR'S CUT?'

There seems to be a growing trend among the staff towards baldness. John Dunwell recently joined by having his hair shaved to raise funds. His close shave brought in £165 for Toc H and over £100 for two local causes:- The Bedale Church Millennium Appeal and the local Scouts and Guides Building Fund. The event was also designed to draw attention to TIMEBANK, the



new national campaign to encourage people to give their time to the community. Our pictures show John 'before and after'.



OBITUARIES

In May

Marjorie Berry	Southern Region
Eveline Dives	Hythe
Reginald Peters	Southern Region
Marjorie Rostron	Southport
Mabel Trapp	Saltford
Kenneth Williams	South East Region

In June

Olive Casbault	Mid-East Region
Thomas Luke	Troon
Vera Marsh	Netherton
Terence Ward	Broughton Astley

In July

James Chapman	Hemel Hempstead
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Not previously recorded

Hugh Elliott	Cosham & Waterlooville
Angus Luker	Avon
Ellen Powell	Hazel Grove
Clifford Wheeler	South East Region
Jessie Winter	EC and Tower Hill

NOTICE BOARD

IN TOC H WEEK TELL PEOPLE YOU BELONG TO TOC H

Wear a Toc H sweatshirt - good quality, in red or royal blue - at £10 each (sizes M/L/XL)

Wear a Toc H tie - at £5 each

Put a sticker on your car - for just 20p

Give someone a Toc H pen - at 30p each.

All available on request from Central Services
- just send in your cheque.

DOTCOM BRANCH

What we believe to be the first branch of a national charity to meet 'on-line' was launched in July. The branch 'meets' between 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and Tony Cock acts as host/chairman.

If you want to talk with other members, discuss current issues, advertise events or whatever, log-on and join the meeting. To enter, go to the Toc H website (www.toch.org.uk) and scroll down to the bottom of the Menubar to **DOTCOM BRANCH** - and click on. It is not complicated. The first time you visit you have to decide, and register, your 'handle' (the name you will use) and a password.

Enter Chat Room!

-- Explore the Web --

Cream Teas & Fun

at Central Services on Wednesday 13th September
11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Come and celebrate Toc H Week with Central Services.



Toc H merchandise, plants, books and bits 'n pieces will be on sale. After tea and a chat visit the Wendover Toc H shop, join a local guided walk, or just enjoy the lovely garden.

Please let Julie Murray know if you are coming:
01296-623911

Lunch will not be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

We look forward to seeing you on the 13th.

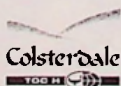
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND

COLSTERDALE OPEN DAY

Saturday 7th October 2000 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.
12.30 p.m. Lunch 3.00 p.m. Charity Auction

Please bring something for the Charity Auction in aid of the Colsterdale Building Fund

Further details from Keith Crocker (Warden)
01765 - 689382



THE CENOTAPH

Sunday 12th November 2000



We are delighted to have been invited, by the Royal British Legion, to have a Toc H contingent in the Remembrance Day parade and service this year. This is part of a new policy, approved by the Home Secretary, to include certain civilian organisations that have had special roles during past conflicts.

More details are on the enclosed flyer. If you wish to come, please fill in and send off the flyer. If we have more applicants than places, there will be a ballot.

Last date for applications: 30th September.

NORTH OF THE RIVER RALLY - LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Time is running out, so please make certain of your ticket for the Rally on Saturday 30th September, at Buckingham.

Arrivals from 12 noon: ending at 5.30 p.m.

Lunch, speaker (the Director), entertainment, tea and closing Service.

Write to Desmond Bonner,
80 Moorhen Way, Buckingham, MK18 1GU
with a cheque for £6 to cover the total cost.

Celebrate the WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT

at Talbot House, Poperinge
during a trip from 9th to 13th December.

Transport by minibus from All Hallows Church, London at 5.30 p.m. after Toc H's 85th Birthday Carol Service. Members are invited to share a 24 hour vigil with local Belgian members. Full cost £140 - includes travel, accommodation and insurance

Applications to John Burgess,
66 Park Meadow, Hatfield, Herts, AL9 5HB
Tel/Fax: 01707 264949

Carol Service and Birthday Celebration LONDON 9th December

The South East region is combining its usual Carol Service at All Hallows Church with a celebration of Toc H's 85th birthday. All members and friends are welcome.

There will be a lunch at the Ensign Club beforehand, and after the Service (which starts at 2.30 p.m.) there will be Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and a Birthday Cake. Keep the date free! - More details in October Point 3.